

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

-- For some time, inhalers have been known for delivering metered doses of medicament from aerosol canisters through a nozzle. These inhalers vary in complexity and may comprise a single integral moulding or may consist of multiple moulded parts. Inhalers are often constructed of plastic, as this material is strong, light, can be easily moulded and is hygienic. Inhalers are often carried by users in their pockets or bags and ~~are~~ such environments are often dirty and dusty. It is known to provide a cap to occlude the nozzle of an inhaler in order to prevent the entrance of dust and dirt. Such caps can be easily lost if they are not retained on the inhaler in some manner. It is possible to attach the cap by means of a flexible strap, which may be made of a rubber material. This complicates the manufacturing process as the remainder of the inhaler is made of plastic. Other means of attaching the strap are displeasing to the eye. Inhalers are usually coloured to identify the medicament being delivered and it is useful to make sure that the cap and strap are the same colour. It is also useful to make sure that the cap and strap follow the contours of the inhaler in order to prevent dirt getting stuck in gaps and to enable the inhaler to stand upright on the base. When then strap follows the contours of the base of the inhaler it is also possible for the inhaler to ~~be~~ stand upright on the base thereby enabling it to be stored in an orientation that enables accurate dosing as known forms of pressurised canister provide accurate dosing when actuated whilst upright.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

-- A problem exists in trying to make sure that any attachment strap closely underlies or follows the contours of parts of the inhaler near the nozzle when the material of the strap is plastic without sufficient elastic ~~flexible~~ flexibility to stretch so as to pull tight against the inhaler. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

-- In forms of the invention the sliding attachment (4) of the cap (2) to the strap (3) may be such that they cannot be detached without destroying one or other of them. In other forms it may be possible to detach them by, for example, applying pressure to the lug. It is not expected that the user will have any cause to remove or replace the cap (2). However this may provide means whereby the user can remove the cap (2) and obtain a dose in an emergency when the cap (2) is damaged in such a manner to prevent it from been used in the usual manner. This may be an additional advantage of an alternative form of the present invention. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Inhalers are sometimes coloured so as to indicate the medicament contained therein or the company, which manufactures the inhaler. Different number of doses within an inhaler could also be indicated buy various colour schemes. Thereby it is useful for the strap and the main body of the inhaler to be manufactured from the same material. In other less preferred forms of the invention the strap could be of the same material of the base of the main body of the inhaler. The strap and base of the main body of the inhaler could then be co-moulded onto the remainder of the ~~man~~ main body. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Preferably said inhaler (5) is a plastic material with ~~which~~ said strap and said body moulded as a unit. --